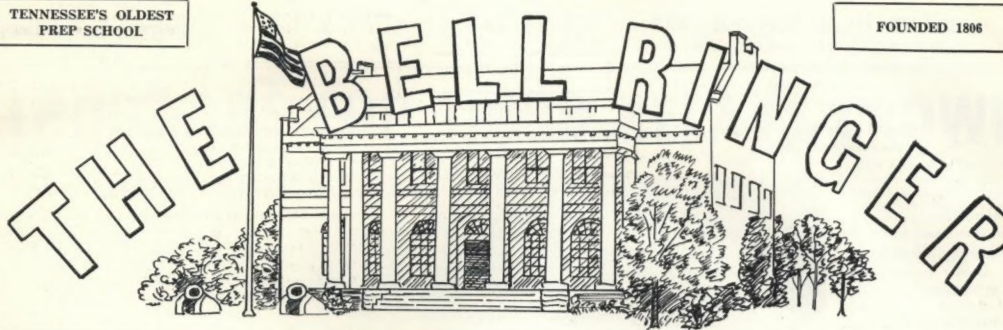


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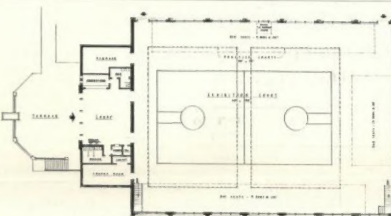
The new M.B.A. gymnasium which will be built on Montgomery Bell Avenue is expected to be completed by June of 1957 at the latest. The proposed gymnasium will cost approximately \$205,000.00. This is one of the big movements of a \$280,000.00 expansion program. The new gym will be named the "Brownlee Curry Gymnasium."

The new gym will have one long basketball court with two cross courts and will seat two thousand people. Upstairs in the lobby, there will be a concession stand, trophy room, ticket booth, telephone, and restrooms.

The downstairs will have two shower rooms, a storage room, a first aid room, and a special office for the coach. The old gym will be used as an auditorium and class rooms.



DRAWING OF NEW GYM



FLOOR PLAN OF MAIN FLOOR

Seniors To Dine
and Dance

This year the annual senior dinner sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary is to be held at the Belle Meade Country Club on Thursday night, May 31. Although many of the details are not complete at press time, Mrs. Thomas Frist is chairman of arrangements. Mrs. Frank Drowota is in charge of the place cards, and the decorations are to be credited to Mrs. Fred Overton. This dinner is for the senior class and the faculty.

The senior dance is to be on Friday night, June 1. Many of the details are preliminary but Tommy Knowles' Band will play. The dance will take place on the school patio. Mrs. R. W. Williams is chairman of the decorations, assisted by Mrs. R. A. Sobel and Mrs. R. H. Sullivan. We, the senior class, wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for making these events possible.

Forensic Club
Enters Contest

On Saturday, April 28, a group of boys in the Forensic Club, under the direction of Mrs. Campbell, went to Vanderbilt for the annual Forensic Tournament for all private schools in the Mid-south. M.B.A. was represented in the different events by the following boys:

1. Sam Vail—Dramatic Reading and Poetry Interpretation
2. Wade Elam and George Sloan—Declamation
3. Dick Sobel and Harry Lawson—Humorous Reading
4. Rollin Lasseter—Extemporaneous Speaking and Original Oratory

Although M.B.A. did not receive any first places, many of the boys placed second and third. We are very proud of all these boys and hope they will continue their good work.

Assembly Programs
Make A Hit In April

Recently the students and faculty were entertained by a talk by Mr. Cannon White, who has coached high school and college football. He spoke on his experience as a football coach for different schools. In his talk he brought out both humorous and serious experiences with each story having a definite point.

Also in the past few days, the members of the Vanderbilt University Glee Club, led by Mr. Cyrus Daniel, visited MBA and sang several delightful songs for the students and faculty. Some of the songs were Negro spirituals, and others were folk songs. These songs were spiced with well-sung solos by members of the Club.

Rollin Lasseter, a student of the junior class of this school, gave (Continued on Page 4)

COMMENCEMENT PLANS
ANNOUNCED FOR JUNE 2

On the morning of Saturday, June 2, Montgomery Bell Academy will hold its commencement exercises at 10:00 A.M., daylight saving time.

At this time diplomas will be presented to the members of the 1955-56 senior class who have successfully completed their four years of high school work at MBA. The honors of Valedictorian and Salutatorian go, this year, to Jim Perry and John Provine respectively. As in years past, this annual event will be held in the gymnasium.

Opening the program will be speeches by the winners of the three declamation contests which are held during the course of the year. The winners in their respective classes are as follows: the Junior School, Larry Davis; Freshman-Sophomore, Ira Parker; and the Junior-Senior winner, who has, as yet, not been determined. The program will proceed with the presentation of the awards and medals. This presentation will consist of the awarding of medals to the students with the highest averages in their respective subjects and the presentation of awards to the students who are especially outstanding in other phases of their school activities. The Junior School graduates having received their certificates, the diplomas will be presented to the Seniors by Dr. Sager. Directly preceding the singing of our Alma Mater, at which time all present will be asked to stand, the Valedictory will be delivered by Jim Perry. The benediction will conclude the program.

The commencement exercises are a time-honored tradition here at MBA, and thus, all students, their parents and friends of MBA are cordially invited to attend these ceremonies.

STAFF for 1956-'57

The Bell Ringer, edited this year by Jimmy Rule, has announced its staff for the coming year.

On behalf of the entire student body, we extend our sincere appreciation to the staff for the sacrifice of their time and talents in striving to make the Bell Ringer a school paper of which we can all be proud.

We are all looking forward to the first issue of next year, and without further ado, the Bell Ringer staff of 1956-57.

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To Rollin and his assistants—the very best of luck to you in any task that you might undertake.

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SENIOR TEA LEAVES

Senior	Nickname	Pasttime	Where found	Ambition
Bob Adkerson	Barbells	Hitting West boys—poker club—to win		
Philip Boyd	Slat	Girls—Sue's—run 3 min. mile		
Ivan Brown	Brown Ring	Jokester—at all meetings—Texas millionaire		
Frank Burkholder	Horace	Football—Barbara's—play pro football		
Jim Cecil	Slim	Basketball—working on jeep—engineer		
Joe Dickinson	Duh	running mile—lost—artist		
Slayden Diehl	Big Deal	Cars and girls—Spending night at Boyd's—Help spend Brown's money		
Franky Drowota	Skeeter	eyeing girls' legs—behind gym—Preacher?		
Tommy Frist	Teeny	wearing James Dean's jacket—Patricia's—doctor		
Henry Hurt	Shorty	Julie—Julie's—Julie		
Jim Keilam	Magna Tweezers	Hunting with magnifying glass—The Shack—to grow		
Harry Lawson	Lips	speaking—Peggy Sue's—business man		
Dick Martin	Niger	Playing poker—poker club—own brewery		
Thurman McLean	Thirsty Bear	pushing—Trenton—live in Trenton		
Bill Morehead	Black Mike	guzzling—sober—millionaire		
Ned Overton	Bulldog	leading riots—in Green Room—doctor		

Senior	Nickname	Pasttime	Where found	Ambition
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Jim Perry	J. P.	Making A's—studying—business man		
John Provine	Farmer	chasing cows—agricultural engineer		
Buddy Rackard	Goose	Shooting pool—poker club—playboy		
Mack Rolfe	Pony	Bonnie—running races—win Kentucky Derby		
Jimmy Rule	Little Stick	Camels—Missie's—go to New York		
Dick Sager	Little Chrome	Cheerleading—With Brighton Road Gang—engineer		
Quimby Seawell	Wimpy	operating poker club—losing—business man		
E. G. Smith	Man with the golden arm	playing drums—Celtic—band leader		
Bill Smith	Cob	Going to Spain—in demerit hall—own oil wells		
Dick Sobel	Soblanski	Honky Tonkin—"Cotton Club"—Night club operator		
Andy Spelta	Booky	Washing dishes—Hume-Fogg—Business man		
Dickie Sullivan	Pig	girls—Hillsboro Athletics—Frosty Morn		
John Sutton	Willie	Rolling—The green Plymouth—fat man in circus		
Sam Vail	Siamese	nothing—studying English—to be a cat		
Lillard Walker	Lily Bell	fixing cars—at home—mechanic		
Whit Watson	Fangs	Edith May—Edith May's—to play hockey		
Eddie White	Champ	playing cards—by Pink Elephant in road—senator		
Phil Williams	Beaver	chewing down trees—beaver colony—business man		

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Editorial

As I sit here on the campus of the Academy I have been so well acquainted with for the past four years, I can't help but let my mind wander back through the years to the happiness lent to me through my presence here.

I have seen many exciting football games, especially those played by the past year's state champs. During my sophomore year I saw a track team organized that went forward with enthusiasm to win three straight district titles. Baseball and basketball games wander into my memory as times I would not have substituted gold for.

Along scholarship lines I can remember clearly sitting in classes, watching figures and words in my battered book form themselves into one main word—EDUCATION. I remember little of the actual dates, formulae and vocabularies, but I realize now that it was more the process of learning that helped me most. It seemed boring and difficult sitting at a desk on a hot spring or fall afternoon and many a time did I want to forget school and go swimming. But now as I think over it all this boring process is one of my many great advantages on later life.

I can plainly remember times when I got demerits for mischievous doings. Although then they may have seemed unfair it was all a part of learning discipline and self-control, which now I am very thankful for.

Most clearly in my memory is the undying respect I have felt for the complete faculty, although sometimes I haven't shown it. Many times has a teacher helped me with a problem that aided my course of life.

I am now nearer ready to go out into the world and play this game of life. I shall always credit my happiness to the faculty who has made this possible. For it was they, who taught me the most valuable rules.

Now as I rise, taking one last look at my home of thought, my head is filled with wonderful memories of Montgomery Bell Academy. Walking down the front hill I notice the swiftly flowing creek, a major landmark of the Hill. I proceed out the front gate and slowly turn to take one last look. The feeling draws my head high and in the background I hear the boys' voices singing our Alma Mater.

There's a name that thrills our being
Fills our every heart with pride
'Tis the school we love and honor
And there's none on earth beside!

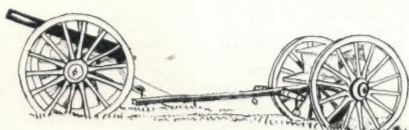
Chorus:

So dear school thy fondest mem'ries
We'll revere while ages dwell;
Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
Hail to thee Montgomery Bell!

Loyal are thy sons forever
And forever brave and true;
Heaven grant that we may ever
Show unflinching love for you!

—from the "Alma Mater" by James C. Rule

—JIMMY RULE



There's a name that thrills our being ...

CLASS NEWS

Sophomore News

Well, hi cats, here we are back again for another gossip session. Congratulations to Tony Edmonds, who won the Optimist Declamation Award. Also congratulations are in store for the sophs on the baseball and track teams. The base-ballers are Billy Gerald, Dave Duke, Dick Williams, John Dale, and Ed Creagh. The track men are Duke and Murphree. Mrs. Sims recruits 95% of the sophs for next year's paper staff. Waller Goes to South Carolina? Seen at the Cove at birthday party were Rhea, Miller, Stienbaugh, Caldwell, and McGugin. Fuqua is lost in love. Steinbaugh is lost in smoke. Droopy barks at Muse. Muse seen running toward Franklin. The sophomore class is happy to have in their ranks, Jim Woodward, transferee from West. We hope to see him back next year. Sophs to have party at Morris'. See you there, I hope?

DO YOU GO TO HILLSBORO?

NO, I WAS IN AN
ACCIDENT.

Junior News

I hate to inform all you dear fellows, but this is probably the last time you will get the privilege(?) of reading the sterling bit of journalism "The Junior News." That's tough, but I doubt the next issue will come out again until next Sept., when we will be known as Seniors, most of us anyway.

Junior Class is well represented at State track meet in Whitehaven, Memphis. Hots, Cube and Don will perform, while most of the rest will be watching the meet, or watching the Good-looking sights of Memphis, UHH YEAH! Whitehaven hard-hit by Macaroons and still smolders from blasts that hit her. Fine trip, and our team gave it all they had, as they have always done in the past.

Orchids to "Jodie the Ear" for being elected Prexy of Hi-Y and Key Club—they made a fine choice. Also to Key Club Officers: Squid Reed, Veep; Cho-Cho Elam, Sec.; Deac Lasseter, Moneyman; Goober John, Senior Rep. The Hi-Y boys are: Hots is Veep; Chunky is Sec.; Wade is Treas.; Rollin is Chaplain; Sentinels, Baby Doll and Otie. Whew!

Boys, the next time the paper comes out, if it does, we will be Honorable Seniors(?) Boys, Next Year the only change about the campus will be, "Not Juniors, but Seniors run the School!"

Take it easy, don't work too hard this summer, and see you next year—I reckon.

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Freshmen News

Well what do you know, we managed to get another edition in before school lets out for the summer. (HALLELUJAH!!! when that day comes. It can't come too soon for me.)

As has been said in earlier issues, The Freshman class has some top-flight material for the spring sports at school. As was expected, some of the choicest material has developed into top products. In golf, "Bantam" George Creagh has come on to play some really outstanding golf along with "Slamming" Randy Barker. Both boys made the trip to Chattanooga to participate in the Southern Junior Tournament which was held there. Switching from golf to tennis we have Eddie "T. Trabert" Murrey. Eddie must have been born with a tennis racket in his hand because the way he plays shows that he's had some experience. He can sure keep up and play with the best of them. Now into the track spotlight comes a "long-tall" freshman by the name of John Clay. John seems to be a dual purpose man in track as he runs and high jumps. With these talented boys plus many others in the Fresh. class, the future looks very bright.

From one extreme to another, let's take a look at the scholastic side of the F. class. For the first time, MBA sent four math teams to Clarksville, Tenn., to compete against other schools in the state. There were two teams from the Freshman class selected. The first team consisted of Appen, Babb, and Sloan T. All these boys had averages of 97%. Wheew! I would say it's a hot race for the medal at the end of the year. Not discounting the second team, Pickering, Houser, Gillespie, all of whom all had very fine averages. Boy, it must be nice.

Well, got to go 'til next time. I doubt if there will be. Since this is probably the last, I'll say so long till next year. Well, tally-ho and good luck on your exams, as if anyone could.

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Deacon's Dissertations

R.A.L., III

Rugged it is, this land of mine,
Yet breeds a sturdy youth,
And I can find no land more sweet
To me than this, my native land.
from Homer's *Odyssey*—
trans. by Bates.

Rugged is our Tennessee land, full of hills, not wide prairies. But this old state has given the world great men, and her fame climbs above the "hillbilly" taunts of the Northern cities. Her schools have sent off great sons, and her hills now contain many of them. But the day of great men has not ended for Tennessee, although some would have it so. No, this state sees born each day some person with the abilities to become another famous son. Then where are they, you say? They are lying dormant, sleeping in a sleep of indifferent bliss.

M.B.A. has also been blessed with famous sons. She has given many to Tennessee's lists, and her day is not ended either. There is a great potential in every boy that enters these halls. What happens to that potential is up to him.

The Senior Class has experienced four years of the best training for life available to boys in our city. Whether they have made the most of those years was their own doing. But the end of those four years is close at hand. If there was ever a time to think deeply, this is it. What have I done with my life? What am I about to do with it? These are the vital questions that everyone must ask himself sooner or later. What is your answer?

These old hills are worn, but they are not barren. They are old, but not sterile. They have given and they will give great sons to the world. Will you be one of them?

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Maroon Highlights

Congratulations to the MBA trackmen on their winning the Banner Relays, District II, and Regional meets. They really squeezed by, as the scores indicate 35 to 34½, 52 to 51, and 27 to 22.

Mack Rolfe deserves a whomp on the back for his splendid performance in the District II meet. In the 180 yard low hurdles event, Mack tripped over a hurdle and fell flat, but he got to his feet and with great desire and determination, finished second in the race.

Did everyone hear Bill White of the YMCA say (concerning Tom Frist)—"That boy is really a good quarterback?"

The Tennis Team this year is virtually "in" for its twelfth consecutive N.I.L. championship. The team needs only a win over David Lipscomb to clinch the title. On the recent road trip to Rome, Georgia, where the team played Darlington, Eddie Murray was complimented (?) by Darlington's great number one man, John Capell, when Capell said: "Nice shot, little boy!"

Brad Reed wants the world to know that he won one-half of all the points on the tennis team's road trip to Chattanooga and Rome and that he was the only man not to lose a singles match. Whoopoopee!

Quote Jackie Hooper: "Snead and Hogan have seen their better days!" I guess he knows if anyone does.

Whit Watson and Mark—or is it Mike, or maybe it's Mack Rolfe—recently toured the SMU campus. It seems the hosts couldn't get Rolfe's first name straight.

Advice for the day: People who live in stone houses shouldn't throw glasses.

Has anyone heard the new song: "Raise the Awful Mar, Daddy's Leading a Shady Life!" It's backed with "Dope Me Mama With a Sulfa Drug." With these two wonderful thoughts I leave you. But seriously, it's been great trying to write for this paper for four years. Sometimes it's been pretty good, sometimes bad; but I've had fun trying and I hope some of you gained a little pleasure from reading it. In closing I urge every one of you underclassmen to keep on fielding great MBA teams and to support them always to your utmost, whether they are winning or losing.

Be seen' you apex.

SOBEL

M.B.A. WALLOPS FRANKLIN

Fireballing Billy Gerald spun a neat three-hitter and joined Frank Drowota and Whit Watson in a potent batting attack as MBA walloped Franklin 11 to 0 in one of the top N. I. L. league games.

By winning, the powerful Maroons of MBA kept their perfect record intact.

The Maroons, who were the pre-season favorite team to copy the Western Division title had too much batting power for Franklin. The Maroons coupled timely hits with 13 walks to run rough-shod over the Rebels.

Gerald, in addition to his outstanding pitching job, belted three singles in four trips to the plate to head the MBA attack while Whit Watson smacked a

MAROON NETTERS

TAKE 12

For the twelfth consecutive year the MBA team has captured the Nashville Interscholastic League tennis team title. The charges of Coach Jim Rule once again dominated play in their league as they completely annihilated the teams from schools who dared to face the smooth-stroking Maroons. The Big Red Netters had trouble only once. The fine team from Peabody Demonstration School gave the Maroons a run for their money before going down 3 to 2. No other team in the league was able to win more than one match point from Coach Rule's boys.

This year's first six is composed of Captain Tom Frist, Eddie Murray, Wylie McDougal, Dick Sobel, Brad Reed, and Runcie Clements. However, these boys did not play in all the matches as scrubs played freely after the matches had been clinched. Congratulations to Coach Rule and the tennis team for keeping the title at MBA and retaining their perfect record.

Tennis team record in N.I.L. play:

Littion—5 to 0
Peabody—3 to 2
West—4 to 1
Du Pont (default)
Hillsboro—6 to 0
Donelson (default)
Cohn—7 to 0
Ryan—5 to 0
Lipscomb—5 to 0
East (default)

Baseball Summary

The year's baseball team, under the direction of Mr. Bill Gerald, has had a successful year, although they have not done as well as expected at the beginning of the season. To date, the team favored to win the Western Division of the Nashville Interscholastic League has compiled a 5-3 record.

The Maroon baseballers opened the season with a smashing 11 to 0 win over North as fireballing Billy Gerald spun a neat no-hitter.

Hume Fogg was the second victim of the Maroons as MBA annihilated them 13 to 5. The game was not as easy as it looked, however, for Hume Fogg led for five innings before the Big Red got hot.

The steamrolling MBA team crushed the Franklin Rebels in the third game of the 1956 season 11 to 0 with Gerald once again twirling a shut out.

Next the Maroons encountered the West Blue Jays in the game that supposedly would decide the winner of the Western Division. The MBA team jumped into a 7 to 2 lead early in the game. The lead lasted for several innings until the Maroon defense collapsed. With many errors, several walks, and timely clutch hits, the Blue Jays overcame the margin and downed the Maroons 9 to 7.

The Maroons bounced back, Continued on Page 4

single and Frank Drowota belted a single and a double.

Marvin Holder, Lynn Alexander, and Bill Bethurum were the only Rebel players able to solve Gerald's offerings for hits. All were singles.

JOHN MUSE.



Maroon Trackmen Win District Meet

Montgomery Bell Academy posted its third consecutive District II track meet on Saturday, April 28, at the Tennessee Preparatory School track. Coach Tommy Owen's MBA thinclads had then expected close duel with Franklin but came out on top 52 to 51. Following MBA and Franklin were Shelbyville with 22 points, BGA with 17, Father Ryan 5, TPS 4, and Lipscomb 2.

The top three finishers in each running and field events will participate in the Regional Meet at TPS on May 5. Also the top 2 teams in relays are eligible.

A highlight of the afternoon was the courageous comeback of MBA's fine hurdler Mack Rolfe. In the 180 yard low hurdles event, Rolfe tripped over the second hurdle and fell flat. However, with great speed and determination, Rolfe regained his composure, caught the pack and went on to take a second place in the race and qualify for the Regional Meet.

Results

100 yd. dash—Jim Thurman (M); Inman (F); Rowlette (F)—10.4 sec.
220 yd. dash—Inman (F); Gleeves (S); Rowlette (F)—24.2 sec.
440 yd. dash—Brown (M); Gleeves (S); O'Neal (S)—54 sec.

880 yd. run—Frost (F); Greer (B); Lawson (T)—2:09.8
Mile run—Rice (F); Maxwell (F); Boyd (M)—4:47.8
180 yd. low hurdles—Ayers (S); Rolfe (M); Denny (F)—23 sec.
120 yd. high hurdles—Rolfe (M); Hurt (M); Haralson (F)—16 sec.
Shotput—Langhams (F); Rasmussen (B); Harmon (R)—45' 1"

Discus—Brothers (M); Rasmussen (B); Marshall (M)—112' 1"

Pole vault—Swing (S) and Pippins (B) tie for first; Joslin (F)—9' 7"

High jump—Rowan (P); Hurt (M) and Rucker (L) and O'Neal tie for second—5' 6¼"

Broad jump—Rowan (P); Marshall (M); Hurt (M)—19' 7"

Sprint medley relay—MBA (Thurman, Duke, Rolfe, Brown); Shelbyville, Franklin—1:43.45

880 yd. relay—MBA (Hunter, Watson, Huddleston, Duke); Franklin; Shelbyville—1:37

Mile relay—MBA (Brown, Duke, Hunter, Thurman); Franklin; Ryan—3:45.9

Two mile relay—Franklin (Rice, Whitehurst, Edgeman, Frost); MBA; TPS—9:04.4



BROWN EASILY WINS HEAT IN REGIONAL MEET

MBA led by Capt. Mack Rolfe, Courtney Marshall, and Jim Thurman, battled to its third consecutive Banner Relays team title before a large crowd at the Tennessee Preparatory School track on Friday, April 20, by edging Franklin, 35 to 34½ in a thrilling meet.

A disqualification of Franklin mile relay team on a foul on the final turn deprived the Rebels of the team trophy and assured the Maroons of a third Banner Relays and Nashville Interscholastic League title.

Franklin showed off to a fine start by winning the shot put and placing high in the other field events. The Rebels maintained their lead for much of the night and could have overcome MBA with a second place in the final event, the two mile relay, but Lady Luck was for once with MBA.

Trailing by some 40 yards when he took the baton for the final leg, Ken Frost made a valiant effort to give the Rebels the points necessary for the win, but he could not pass East's Jackie Ray Davis or Goodlettsville's Bobby Denton and finished some ten yards behind.

Eight new Banner Relays records were set as the tracksters blistered the Tennessee Prep oval despite the chilly weather.

It was a night for thrilling races and brilliant field performances. The first record breaker was Franklin's great Randy Rice who ran a nifty 4:40, 3 mile for a new N.I.L. and Relays mark.

Then followed Finis Black of Bellevue tipping the timbers in the low hurdles in 21.4 seconds, Franklin's Wayne Inman, zipping off a 23.4 in the 220, a 20 foot 3¼ inch broad jump by Goodlettsville's Tom Moore, and 10 foot 9¼ inch pole vaults by East's Davis and Du Pont's John Platt.

East bettered its own 2 mile relay mark by some 11 seconds at 8:50 and in the preliminaries. MBA's 3:39 mile relay and Mack Rolfe's 15.5 in the high hurdles made eight new records.

120 yd. high hurdles—Rolfe (MBA); Dennis (C); McCord (E)—15.8

100—Thurman (MBA); Moore (G); Tallent (W)—10.2

Mile—Rice (F); Palmer (L); Maxwell (F)—4:40.3

880 yd. relay—Hillsboro (Abernathy, Toon, Neil, Mullen); Franklin; West—1:37.3

440—Brown (MBA); Donovan (W); Stooke (H)—53

180 yd. low hurdles—Black (B); Rolfe (MBA); Stoops (TPS)—21.4

880—Palmer (L); Davis (E); Frost (F)—2:07.8

220—Inman (F); Mays (B); Tallent (W)—23.4

Mile relay—MBA (Brown, Hunter, Duke, Thurman); Central; Hillsboro—3:39.3

Two mile relay—East (Hendrix, Eddings, Adler, Davis); Goodlettsville—8:50.5

Shot put—Langhams (F); Drumright (C); Hudgins (G)—42' 9¾"

Discus—Eorheart (D); Marshall (MBA); Burch (Du P)—125' 1"

Pole vault—Davis (E); Platt (Du P) tie for first; Teague (Du P)—9' 8"

Broad jump—Moore (G); Marshall (MBA); Newman (E)—29' 3¼"

High jump—Rowan (P); Dillingham (B)—5' 9"

Personalities of the Month



JIM PERRY

The Bell Ringer is happy to present Jim Perry as a Personality of the Month. Jim came to us in his Freshman year from Stokes. At that time he pledged the Kappa Phi Fraternity in which he has taken an active part. Jim is a member and a hard worker of the West End Methodist Church, where he is also president of the M.Y.F.

For the past three years, Jim has received the English medal. He took the General Science, Ancient History, and Spanish medals in his Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years respectively. Among the activities of the school in which Jim participates are the Key Club, Forensic Club, Freedom Forum, and Glee Club. He is also a member of the Senior Honor Society. During his Junior year, he was MBA's rep. at Boy's State. Based on his averages for first seven semesters, the award of Valedictorian was given Jim, who had an average of 96.68.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite subject—English
Most disliked subject—Spanish
Favorite food—Roast Beef and Creamed potatoes
Most disliked food—Spinach
Favorite Actress—Doris Day.

BASEBALL SUMMARY

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however, with successive wins over Cohn (6 to 5) and Ryan (3 to 2) with Billy Morehead, Whit Watson, and Billy Gerald leading the MBA hitting attack.

The Maroons were completely eliminated from title contention by consecutive losses to the scrappy Lipscomb Mustangs and to the Indians from Cumberland by scores of 3 to 1 and 8 to 2 respectively. Until those losses the MBA baseballers still had a hope of winning their division.

Although the MBA team lost the title, Coach Gerald and the team should be complimented for their fine play, hard work, and for providing the student body with hours of fine baseball play.



JOHN PROVINCE

The staff of the Bell Ringer is proud to have as one of its personalities of the month John Province. John came to MBA in the seventh grade. As a seventh and eighth grader, John won many of the scholastic medals which are given each year to the boys with the highest averages. His freshman year, John joined the Alpha Chi Fraternity. During his Junior year John left MBA to attend school at Marion because his father accepted the office of President of Marion Institute at Marion, Alabama. However, John wished to return to "the school on the hill" to graduate. This year John received the honor of salutatorian, which every boy would like to win. After graduating, John plans to attend either Harvard or Yale to finish his education. John has been a great asset to this year's Senior class and an inspiration for many boys. We are happy to have him as this month's personality of the month.

ASSEMBLIES A HIT

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a talk during assembly. His subject was "Purpose." He also sang two songs which fitted the talk; while accompanying himself on the Autoharp.

Through the Forensic Club of MBA and Mrs. Gray, speech teacher at the School for the Blind, four students from the School for the Blind gave an Assembly program made up of a duet on one piano and two readings by two girl students. One of the readings was dramatic, the other was humorous.

The same week students from Vanderbilt University who were introduced by a graduate of MBA, Fletcher Harvey, came and sang a few songs as a preview for the two new plays they were giving the following week. Their production was titled "Salmagundy."

All these programs, except those by the Vandy Glee Club and "Salmagundy" cast, were sponsored by the Forensic Club of MBA.



SAM VAIL

The Bell Ringer feels that it has made a good selection in choosing Sam Vail as one of the personalities of the month. Sam came to us from Duncan in his freshman year; and in the four years he has been here, he has been a true asset to the school. Although Sam is of a quiet nature, he has won many friends with his warm personality. Sam attends the Cathedral of the Incarnation, where he is an active member. Sam was a cheerleader this year besides participating in many other of the school activities, such as the Glee Club and the Hi-Y. Sam plans to attend Vanderbilt. We of the Bell Ringer wish him all good luck in everything he undertakes.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite food—Steak
Most disliked food—Squash
Favorite actress—Kim Novak
Favorite sport—Swimming
Favorite teacher—No favorite

"A Musing On Commencement"

The day is ending.
So short it was.
As if in a moment
Four quick hours
Have come and gone—
Speeding, yet creeping.
I would live it over,
Spend each minute,
Much more wisely.
But I cannot.
And the call to follow
The eternal sun of life
Through its perpetual day
Is too great a pull on me
To let me stay.
But what is this
That rises at my back?
It is a new sun,
A larger sun that heralds
Longer days.
And though the sky
Still holds the memories
Of the first,
This new sun chases night,
And I am given
Four new hours
To build my soul.

R.A.L., III

Girl of the Month



PAT SPICKARD

This month the Bell Ringer staff is proud to present Miss Pat Spickard as its Girl of the Month. After leaving Stoke's Grammar School, Pat entered Harpeth Hall where she joined the Ariston Club and served as treasurer of her class. She is now a member of the French Club and Latin Club and is President of her Sophomore Class.

In addition to her various school activities, Pat attends the First Presbyterian Church at Oak Hill and takes an active part in its Senior High Fellowship and other youth work.

As a Freshman, Pat joined the Kappa Delta Theta Sorority, and she has proved herself a great asset to that club.

We of the Bell Ringer staff consider it an honor and a privilege to present Pat Spickard as our Girl of the Month.

New Hi-Y Officers Elected

The new officers of the Hi-Y are: Jodie Wallace—president; Jimmy Thurman—vice-president; Emmett Dozier—secretary; Wade Elam—treasurer; Rollin Lasseter—chaplain; sentinels—Ronnie Grubbs and Otis Cheshire. The Hi-Y is an organization sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. In the past year the Hi-Y has sponsored some worthwhile projects. At Christmas time the Hi-Y sponsored a poor family and at Thanksgiving gave food for the poor. Congratulations to these newly elected officers and may they continue the good work.

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MEMORIES OF M.B.A.

It seems only yesterday that we entered MBA. How big the school seemed! How we thrilled when the boys on the Big Red spoke to us! How we stood in awe of Dr. Sager and Mrs. Bitzer! What a thrill it was when we joined the cheering section and urged the Big Red on to victory—We began to feel part of the school.

Four years have gone—Gone so rapidly that it seems only yesterday. School isn't so big now. We know every nook and cranny on the campus. We are the Big Red now, and we're not so big after all. Dr. Sager has been our friend and Mrs. Bitzer has done her best to prepare us for the road ahead. We know now that all our teachers want only the best for us. And now our days at MBA are almost over. Memories!

No matter where we are, in the future these thoughts will come flooding back—Whenever we see a high school football team, we'll think of Coach Owen, and our State Championship Team of 1955. Whenever we see a boy clearing the hurdles, we'll remember the Big Red's Track Team. Whenever we see a man swing a tennis racket, we'll think of Coach Rule's marvelous tennis record, of never having lost a match in the N.I.L. in 12 years.

But so many more memories crowd in. Mrs. Bitzer's bad tests . . . Mr. Younger, affectionately called Pop . . . Lunch room episodes . . . Who's got the Burro? . . . 66-6 . . . five bells. It's Ned again . . . girls, topic of conversation . . . girls, dates, . . . girl, pinned . . . dandelion time . . . happy day. Sam Davis . . . what's that on the flag pole? . . . Clinic Bowl MBA 26 Litton 7 . . . "It has come to my attention" . . .

These are part of the memories we shall carry with us.

Next year we will stand on the threshold of another school. How big it will seem, how we will dread to face the professors. Will we ever catch the spirit of the school? The experience we have gained at MBA will stand us in good stead. We have memories of friendships tried and true. Memories of teachers who are guides and friends. Memories of a school with real spirit. Yes, we'll be all right because MBA—the spirit of the Big Red—is part of us.